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In re Application of:

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT DETECTION OF
HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT,
SUBMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTING
AND
STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.821**

Hon. Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

After page 36 and before the claims, please insert the attached paper

copy of the Sequence Listing.



REMARKS

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821, applicants herein provide a Paper Copy of a Sequence Listing as well as a Computer Readable Form (diskette).

In addition, applicants herein provide an amendment to the specification directing the entry of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing into the specification after page 36 and before the claims.

Finally, pursuant to Rule 821(f), applicants herein state that the content of the attached paper entitled "SEQUENCE LISTING" and of the accompanying identically labeled diskette, specifically the ASCII-encoded file therein labeled "seqlist.txt", are identical.

Consideration of this Amendment and submission of the enclosed diskette and paper copy are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, -

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